

Summary of OfS Sexual Misconduct National Prevalence Data and University of Sheffield Prevalence Data September 2025

The results presented in this summary report are based on responses from final year undergraduates at The University of Sheffield in 2025. The Office for Students suggests care should be taken in making comparisons of institution level data with the sector level outputs.

Several limitations have been raised, limiting the statistical analysis that can be performed. Data are compared to the Office for Students findings for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to determine if there are any statistically significant differences.

University Context

National Figures	TUoS Figures
Survey responses from 52k final year UGs	Survey response from 770 final year UGs
58.4% of respondents said that at least one sexual misconduct incident in the last 12 months involved someone connected with their university or college . For example, this might be another student or someone who works at the university or college	62.6% of respondents said that at least one sexual misconduct incident in the last 12 months involved someone connected with their university or college . For example, this might be another student or someone who works at the university or college
45.1% of incidents of sexual harassment occurred partly in a university setting .	60% of incidents of sexual harassment occurred partly in a university setting .
68.3% of incidents of sexual harassment involved someone connected to the University .	73.3% of incidents of sexual harassment involved someone connected to the University .
15.2% of incidents of sexual violence occurred exclusively in a university setting .	19.1% of incidents of sexual violence occurred exclusively in a university setting .
21.1% of incidents of sexual violence occurred partly in a university setting .	24.4% of incidents of sexual violence occurred partly in a university setting .

Overall Prevalence

National Figures	TUoS Figures
Survey responses from 52k final year UGs	Survey response from 770 final year UGs
24.5% of respondents reported experiencing at least one form of unwanted sexual behaviour since becoming a student.	33.3% of respondents reported experiencing at least one form of unwanted sexual behaviour since becoming a student.
12% reported experiencing unwanted sexual contact (e.g., touching, attempted or completed sexual acts without consent).	20.7% reported experiencing unwanted sexual contact (e.g., touching, attempted or completed sexual acts without consent).
13.3% of students had experienced sexual harassment in the last year.	16.6% of students had experienced sexual harassment in the last year.
5.4% of students experienced sexual assault or violence in the last year.	6.7% of students experienced sexual assault or violence in the last year.

Confidence in Support

- 53.3% of national survey responders and 62% of University survey responders felt confident about where to seek support within their university.
- 44.8% of national survey responders and 35.9% of University survey responders did not feel confident about where to seek support within their university.

Reporting

- Only 9.6% of national survey responders and 10.7% of University survey responders formally reported being sexually harassed to the University.
- Among those who did report 44.9% of national survey responders rated the reporting process as good, however university data was suppressed.
- 38.7% of national survey responders rated it as poor, however university data was suppressed.

Relationships with Staff

- 0.03% of University survey responders reported having had an intimate relationship with a member of staff in the past 12 months, compared with 1.5% of national survey responders.

University of Sheffield Figures: Since being a student, have you experienced any of the following behaviours?

	Female (n=	Male (n=	Total (n= 770)
Experienced at least one form of unwanted behaviours of a sexual nature	49.6	13.9	33.3
Making sexual gestures or exposing themselves to you	17.5	5.1	11.9
Making sexually suggestive looks or staring at your body	39.1	4.1	23.1
Asking, hinting, or making unwelcome requests that you have sex with them	22.6	5.5	14.8
Persisting with suggestions that you establish a sexual or romantic relationship with them	16.8	4.8	11.3
Making unwelcome sexual comments or asking sexualised questions about your private life, body, or physical appearance	26.1	5.7	16.7
Taking a nude or sexual photo or video of you without your permission	2.4	0.5	1.5
Posting a nude or sexual photo or video of you online, or sending it to others, without your permission	0.4	No data available	0.2
Privately sending you sexualised messages electronically, via text message, email, social media, etc.	9.6	2	6.1
Spreading unwelcome sexual rumours about you, either in person, or by text, email, social media, or other electronic means	6.5	3.6	5.2
None of the above	47.3	81.5	62.9
Don't know / Can't remember	3.1	4.6	3.8